

Town of Grantsboro
Public Hearing for Zoning Change and Regular Meeting of the Town Council
May 3, 2022

Minutes

The Grantsboro Town Council met on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Attending were: Mayor Julia Lee, Mayor Pro-tem Tom Newman, Ray Poole, TW Harris, Evelyn Paul, and Ray Lewis, Clerk. Kristie Mitchell was absent. There were 4 visitors present.

Lewis offered the invocation, and Mayor Lee opened the public hearing for the proposed zoning change from commercial (CM) to mixed use (MU) of 6 acres of Parcel #F04-48. MMB Family Properties has submitted a zoning application for construction of a multi-family housing development with 56 units on that parcel. There were two citizens present that asked questions, and they were answered by Jim Harrell with MMB. Lewis shared that there had been no other responses or concerns that had been received from others, or the adjacent property owners. Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mayor Lee then called the regular meeting to order, and a quorum was established. The agenda for the meeting was approved upon a motion by Newman, seconded by Harris and carried. The minutes from the April meeting were approved upon a motion by Paul, seconded by Harris and carried.

Lewis presented the finance report for the month of April, which reflected \$2042.69 in revenues, and expenses of \$4064.48 (corrected). Total funds were reported at \$265,010.73, plus \$25,837.50 in ARP Funds. A motion to approve the finance report as corrected was made by Harris, seconded by Poole and carried.

Old Business

Lewis gave the Council copies of the CDBG Sewer Project quarterly report for Jan – March 2022. There was nothing else to report about the status of the report, but it was suggested that we ask about scheduling a progress meeting sometime soon. Lewis shared that he would check with David Harris about that.

Updates were given about some nuisance concerns with vegetation growth at some of the town businesses. O'Reilly's and Walmart both have said they would get theirs taken care of, and Dollar General manager said he would try and get approval from corporate if we would give him a letter from the town. Lewis said he would prepare a letter, and Newman would drop it by there. Poole also suggested that we contact Burger King owners and ask them to clean up theirs. Lewis said he would reach out to them.

New Business

The proposed zoning change was brought to the floor for further discussion. With there being no objections or concerns, a motion to approve the rezoning of 6 acres of parcel #F04-48 to allow for construction of a 56 unit multi-family housing development was made by Newman, seconded by Paul and carried.

Lewis shared that the sidewalk repairs that had been approved by text messaging had been completed, but that a formal vote was also needed. A motion to approve the repairs by Pamlico Home Builders for the amount of \$2121.07 was made by Newman, seconded by Paul and carried.

Newman shared that he had received some concerns about the basketball court at Motion Church. Supposedly people are out there late at night making a lot of noise, and are also littering on adjacent property. The church has indicated that they were unaware of the problems. They are going to post a sign, and also provide a trash can by the court.

Lewis shared a copy of a preliminary proposed budget to the Council for FY 2022-23. A public hearing will be scheduled for budget review at the next regular meeting on June 7. Lewis asked the Council to inform him of any suggested changes before then.

During the comment period, Chief Mike Grose with the Grantsboro/Silverhill VFD shared some information with the Council. He was grateful to be able to participate in the 150 year Pamlico County celebration. He also shared some information about a recent survey that was done concerning the fire departments throughout the county, and some proposed changes, such as possible mergers. This process is still ongoing, and no decisions have yet been made.

Following the comment period, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Harris, seconded by Newman and carried.

The next regular meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for June 7, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Lee, Mayor

Ray Lewis, Clerk